

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain pending in this application. Each of the pending claims is believed to define an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited references. Favorable reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 has been allowed.

Claims 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claim 7 has been amended to recite that the computer program is stored on a tangible computer readable medium. Support for this amendment can be found on page 22 of the present specification. Thus, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The claims have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Each of the pending claims is now believed to be in all aspect in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0227934 to White et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,137,787 to Chawla et al.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite subject matter similar to the steps performed by the message handling entity of allowable claim 9. Consequently, independent claim 1 is believed to be allowable for similar reasons as independent claim 9. Therefore, the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 10 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 9.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are patentable distinct from the cited references. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, only allowable claims remain pending in this application. Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

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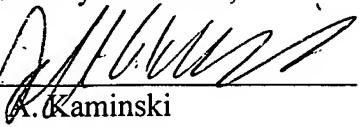
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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